

The Candidates that are on the ballot in July 2023 are listed alphabetically below:

Ben Johnston

Carl Hostetter

Sam Hartnett

Todd Richmond



Ben Johnston (Incumbent)

Ben Johnston is a founder and partner of the law firm Johnston | Van Arsdale | Martin. His practice includes advising small businesses, homeowners associations, and litigating real estate, construction, and personal injury disputes. After graduating from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, Ben earned his law degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia. He worked for large law firms in New York City and Kansas City before moving to Carbondale in 2015.

First appointed to the RVR Board in 2018, Ben has always taken a keen interest in leadership positions in his community, personally and professionally. He served on the Roaring Fork Leadership Academy Board of Directors, was a past president of the 9th Judicial District Bar Association and was a member of the Aspen Young Professionals Association. Ben and his wife, Kristin, have two young sons, Theodore and Sawyer. Together, they enjoy family time at the RVR pool, as well as taking advantage of the many outdoor activities the Roaring Fork Valley has to offer — including rafting, fishing, hiking, biking, and camping.

[Ben Johnston Resume](#)



Carl Hostetter

My name is Carl Hostetter, and I am announcing my candidacy for a position on the RVRMA Executive Board of Directors. I am looking forward to working harmoniously with other Board members and volunteers as well as our management team to continuously make RVR a place where people love to live.

For those of you who do not know me I have lived in The Boundary at RVR for three years with my wife Tricia and our cat Sophie. I am fully retired from a banking career of 40 years. I am currently serving as a board member of The Boundary Association in the capacity of Secretary/Treasurer.

Aside from The Boundary, I have been actively engaged with the operation and governance of the RVR Master Association. I served as Interim General Manager of RVRMA for five months. I am a member of the RVRMA Long Range Planning Committee, and I served on the Short-Term Rental Committee. My experience serving as Interim General Manager includes working with the RVRMA Board, budgeting and managing expenses, project management, vendor contract negotiation, enforcement of policies and procedures, and dealing with disputes.

These are a few of my goals for the community:

- Finalize and help communicate the RVRMA Long-Range Plan.
- Move a Short-Term Rental Policy along for a community vote.
- Make informed decisions on how to allocate our resources.
- Help to ensure we remain a distinguished community.

[Carl Hostetter Resume](#)



Sam Hartnett

My name is Sam Hartnett and I'm writing to express my interest in serving on the RVRMA Board of Directors.

My wife and I moved to the Old Town neighborhood in 2018 after several years living in Basalt. Initially we were motivated to move simply because we liked the house and the proximity to downtown Carbondale. But soon thereafter we committed to putting down roots and raising our family here because we love RVR. Over the last five years neighbors have become dear friends, and our house has truly become home.

I think it's safe to say that everyone who comes here instantly understands the appeal of the RVR community. For those who have lived in RVR for some time, I also suspect there is near-universal agreement that the quality of the management and services in the community has significantly improved in recent years. Both are a testament to the professionalism and dedication of the current RVR staff and Board.

However much like our valley as a whole, RVR is at an inflection point. With rapid growth, increased demand on services and infrastructure, major capital improvement projects on the horizon, and emerging issues like short-term rentals to navigate, the Board will soon be faced with critical decisions that will shape homeowners' experience in RVR for years to come.

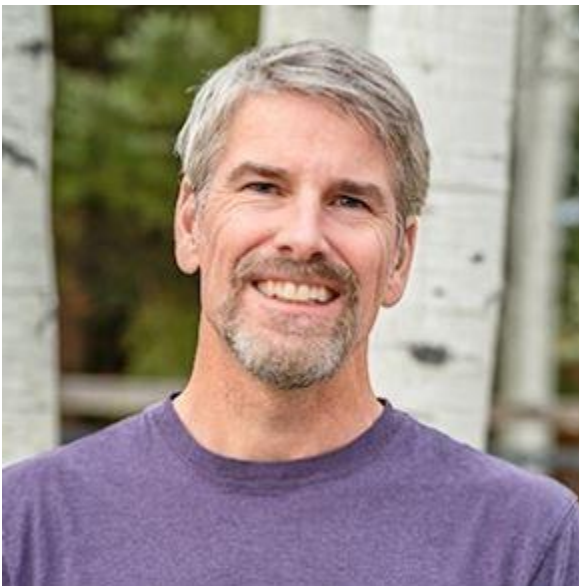
I'm interested in bringing the perspective of young working families to the Board as well as helping improve governance processes to ensure they deliver outcomes that best reflect the will of the community. I know the job of the Board is not easy (as anyone who participated in meetings when HOA dues went up last year can attest). But I am keen to participate and help RVR accommodate responsible growth, provide high-quality services and amenities, and offer more opportunities to strengthen community relationships while keeping dues at a level that enables all types of families to thrive here.

Professionally, I have a decade of experience working in clean energy. After stints in San Francisco and Melbourne, Australia, we came to the valley thanks to a job at Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI). At RMI I undertook extensive training in formal facilitation techniques, which I applied in several projects involving multiple stakeholders with competing interests, including city- and county-level governments, electric utilities, and community organizations. Outside work, I've also facilitated long-term strategic planning at a multigenerational family ranch,

balancing the need for better access and infrastructure against conservation objectives, financial constraints, and varying views among extended family members. I've learned the importance of designing processes that enable stakeholders to surface diverse opinions, identify creative solutions, and converge on decisions that address the most important needs of different groups. During this time I also volunteered on the Town of Basalt Parks and Open Space committee, where I helped scope and allocate budget for multiple large projects.

Today I work (from an office in Coventure) at Energy Web Foundation, which I helped spin out of RMI as a standalone entity in 2019. Over the last four years I've gained experience in all aspects of building a functioning business, from big-picture strategy to day-to-day operations and financial management. I hope to leverage these skills as a member of the RVR board. Personally, I am what my father affectionately refers to as a "generic Carbondale man". When not at work I can typically be found on a trail, river, mountain, the dog park, the RVR golf course, or chasing our two-year-old daughter around the pool. Thanks in advance for your consideration, and I look forward to meeting many more of you going forward.

[Sam Hartnett Resume](#)



Todd Richmond (Incumbent)

Todd Richmond is vice president of Finance at the Aspen Skiing Company, where he leads the company's budget process, including financial projections throughout the year and managing capital spending. After graduating from the University of Colorado with an economics degree, Todd went to work for aerospace giant Boeing, working in the Purchasing and Contracts organizations. While in Seattle, he earned an MBA from Seattle University and received his Certified Public Accountant license.

Todd has served on the RVR Board since 2013. He and his wife, Lisen, live in the Old Town neighborhood at RVR with their two pre-teen daughters, Kinley and Elleree. As a family, the Richmond's enjoy the quintessential Colorado activities: hiking, biking, running, camping, and skiing. During winters, Todd teaches classes on weekends at Snowmass when things get busy, and the demand for ski instructors is high. An avid aviator, Todd enjoys flying his Glassair Sportsman, a single-engine airplane he keeps in Glenwood Springs. Todd got his pilot's license at age 20; his instructor was older brother Peter Richmond, now a commercial airline pilot who also lives at RVR.